

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1843

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1843 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Umbilical Cord Blood Donation Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Cord blood" means blood extracted from the umbilical
8 cord following the delivery of a newborn child.

9 "Cord blood bank" means an entity certified to collect
10 and store cord blood.

11 Section 10. Donation; declaration. All physicians and
12 nurses shall, at no expense to a pregnant patient, make the
13 patient aware of her ability to donate cord blood to a
14 publicly accessible cord blood bank and shall obtain a signed
15 declaration from the patient indicating the decision of the
16 patient whether to accept or decline cord blood donation,
17 which declaration shall be maintained as part of the
18 patient's permanent medical record.

19 Section 15. Exclusions.

20 (a) Nothing in this Act obligates a physician or nurse

1 to collect cord blood if, in the professional judgment of the
2 physician or nurse, the collection would threaten the health
3 of the mother or child.

4 (b) Nothing in this Act imposes a requirement upon any
5 physician, nurse, hospital, or medical facility that is
6 directly affiliated with a bona fide religious denomination
7 that includes as an integral part of its beliefs and
8 practices the tenet that blood transfer is contrary to the
9 moral principles the denomination considers to be an
10 essential part of its beliefs."